

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Sept. 06, 2006

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: District 3

Staff Contact Person: Tammy Malby

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation recognizing September, 9. 2006
As Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is estimated at 1 out of 500 live births. FASD is a major cause of numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: N/A

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: N/A

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

(Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy)

DOCUMENTATION: Included

Not Required

DISPOSITION:

AGENDA ITEM #



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Connie Cyr
FROM: Tammy Malby
RE: BOCC Meeting Sept.6. 2006
DATE: August 18, 2006

Attached please find the BOCC 3 agenda item summaries and supporting documentation for the September, 6. 2006 Board of County Commission Meeting.

1. Presentation of Proclamation to the Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition recognizing September 9.2006 as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness day.



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**HEALTHY
START**

August 14, 2006

County Mayor Sonny McCoy
530 Whitehead Street
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor McCoy,

The Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition is committed to ensuring healthy pregnancies, and therefore, healthy babies, for all women in Key West and Monroe County.

On July 12, 2006 the U.S. Senate approved, by unanimous consent, a resolution (S. Res. 499) designating September 9, 2006 as *National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day*. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term encompassing a variety of effects, disorders and difficulties that infants, children and ultimately adults experience due to alcohol exposure in the womb. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is one of these disorders; Alcohol Related Neurological Disorder (ARND) is another.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), contains a number of findings, including the incidence rate of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is estimated at 1 out of 500 live births, and the incidence rate of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is estimated at 1 out of every 100 live births. FASD is a major cause of numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime.

We are requesting that the County Commission support Sen. Murkowski and the Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition by recognizing *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day* on September 9, 2006. We ask that you issue the enclosed proclamation to this effect.

We further request that the Commission declare its substantive support of this philosophy by implementing an ordinance that all bars and restaurants in Monroe County display a plaque, supplied by the Coalition, which will advise customers about the risks of drinking while pregnant or even if planning to get pregnant.

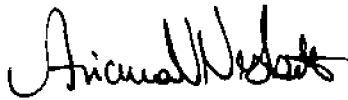
This measure has already become state law in California, Hawaii, Washington and other states. It is very likely that Florida will follow suit in a matter of time. We are asking our County leadership to take the initiative to be on the forefront of this issue. This will send a strong and clear message to the local community and will greatly enhance the Keys' reputation as a responsible "party destination" which is committed to the health and well being of mothers and children by promoting education and prevention of FASD.

By abstaining from the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy a woman can be 100% certain that her baby will not be born with any of the conditions regarded as FASD. A State Epidemiology Workgroup noted that Monroe County has the highest number of youth and adult alcohol consumption in Florida. Every day of the year we must remind women that no amount of alcohol consumed during pregnancy is safe for their baby.

The US Department of Health and Human Services states it well, "If you are pregnant don't drink. if you drink don't get pregnant".

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arianna Nesbitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arianna" being more prominent than the last name "Nesbitt".

Arianna Nesbitt
Executive Director



Mayor's Proclamation

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, children are the most important resource in Monroe County

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the leading cause of mental retardation in Florida, the United States, and all of western civilization; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1 in every 100 individuals in these United States may be adversely affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and its effects are a root cause of numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, juvenile delinquency, school drop-outs, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime; and

WHEREAS, economists estimate that each individual with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effects will cost the taxpayer nearly \$3 million in his or her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, people around the world will be observing the fifth International FAS Day on September 9, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Effects are 100-percent preventable if women do not drink during pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sonny McCoy, Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day, September 9, 2006.

DATED this 6th day of September

Charles "Sonny" McCoy, Monroe County Mayor

